

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 21, 2014

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch, Gerald Adelmeyer, Ed Nelson and Annette Thompson.

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent and Amanda Hilliard, Nutrition Educator (left meeting at 9:50am).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes for September 16, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Behl reported on the WACEC State Meeting. The Capitol Connections will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015. WACEC Convention will be combined with WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) meeting September 20-22, 2015 in La Crosse, WI. Every other year the convention will be a combined meeting with the counties association meeting going forward. April of 2016 each county will be asked to make one nomination for WACEC Board."

Also Behl discussed the Resource Advisory Network (RAN) group that Dean Klemme started regarding State and Federal issues. The purpose to add volunteers if the Dean's office needs help advising the state legislators on current issues. William Nass and others are currently on this group.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the regular meeting per diems. Also, approved the AG Visioning session for Behl, Adelmeyer, Pollesch & Nelson that was held on October 16, 2014.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for September 2014.
- b. Discussion and recap of the Dodge County Clean Sweep program 2014.
 1. Jeff Hoffman reported on the specific expenses vs. revenue/grant monies for the Dodge County 2014 Clean Sweep. Gave handout explanation on all the numbers.
- c. Discussion on implements of Husbandry.
 1. Jeff Hoffman explained that there are new permitting regulations. Brian Field Commissioner, Dodge County Highway Dept., and Elsie Gonzalez, Dairy & Livestock Agent presented together at a recent Towns Unit meeting. In February 2015 there will be an meeting that will be open to the public to help explain how the permitting is done and Elsie will be helping with filling out permits. Commissioner Field has suggested that Towns try to be consistent with counties.
- d. Discussion and consideration of the visioning process for the Ag Agent with Crops & Soils emphasis position.
 1. Behl said that it was a great discussion – covered a lot of ground. Nelson said he was

impressed with the varied positions of individuals that attended and gave a good direction of different issues from their backgrounds of what is needed. This session helps narrow the focus and gives good direction on description for the Ag position with Crops & Soils emphasis. Timeline – post position in January 2015.

- e. Discussion and consideration for refilling the 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant position. Marie Witzel reported that Deb Wiebelhaus retired
 - 1. Marie Witzel reported that Deb Wiebelhaus retired after being in that position for the past 12 years. It's a part-time position/40% - 2 ½ days a week (19 hrs/week – 49 weeks/year). Position description submitted to HR. Advantage to having someone in this position it helps to do more programming. Jim Mielke supports refilling the position. It will be a more structured position.
- f. Discussion and consideration for nomination of Behl to be a candidate for the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) being held on April 11-15, 2015.
 - 1. Behl gave a description what it involves. Monday – Tuesday meeting on how to speak to legislators in Washington DC. Wed – meeting with congressmen and senators. Transportation for this event gets paid for out of auction proceeds. The purpose is to make more of a connection with federal officials to express the value of Extension and the impact it has.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Witzel: Witzel shared the highlights of the past month including the 4-H Achievement program. The Achievement program recognizes the youth for their work that they do on their record books, reporting what they have done and learned in the 4-H program this year. Other highlights include 4-H Club Officer training which had youth teach the opening session and 4-Hers learn about their particular officer role. The presidents and vice presidents especially enjoy becoming county board supervisors for the evening to learn how to run a meeting. National 4-H Week included a fundraising event at Culvers, and a radio program. Trip Interviews to help youth learn about workforce readiness was also a part of the programming over the past month. Thanks to Gerald for volunteering to represent the committee at Community Builders in November and Allen for representing them at the Achievement program.

Carroll: Win, Place, Show with NEAFCS was the theme for the 2014 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Session, and highlighted the spirit of my Kentucky colleagues who hosted the conference. **WIN** with researched based educational programming; **PLACE** a priority on teaching excellence and sharing knowledge; **SHOW** positive impact for individuals, families, and communities. Every minute of the conference exemplified the theme, from meeting next to the Rupp Arena where winning basketball championships is customary, to the in-depth sessions that highlighted Kentucky's innovation and partnerships. The conference was a smorgasbord of workshops and networking. The Kentuckian's did an outstanding job organizing the plethora of workshops and exhibits. As a first timer, I especially appreciated the delineation of workshop themes, which helped me, choose the workshops to attend. Topics included Leadership, Aging, Child Development, Financial Management, Food Safety, Health, Nutrition, Parenting, Housing, Human Development, and Technology, just to name a few. I came home with a new enthusiasm, new friends, and new knowledge. Locally, I will be using resources that will help me continue to bridge the gap with digital media and educational outreach. Parents are extremely busy and providing them with the ability to access UW Extension educational resources, literally with their fingertips anywhere and anytime is one of the goals of the Digital Parenting workgroup.

Borden: Will be attending her first National Association for 4-H Agents convention which is in Minneapolis this year from October 26-30th. She will be receiving an award for the work done by the Meat Animal Quality Assurance team, of which she is a part. Borden will also be receiving the Distinguished Service Award which is based on quality programming and years of service. The convention will contain many opportunities for professional development through workshops/presentations/tours/poster sessions/exhibits and networking.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, November 19, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Pollesch to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman